

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

Page 310, insert after line 10 the following:

1 **Subtitle G—District of Columbia**
2 **National Guard Educational As-**
3 **sistance Program**

4 **SEC. 661. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD EDU-**
5 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1611 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section:

9 **“§ 16402. District of Columbia National Guard edu-**
10 **ational assistance program**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The commanding general of
12 the District of Columbia National Guard shall provide fi-
13 nancial assistance to an eligible member of the District
14 of Columbia National Guard for expenses incurred by the
15 member—

16 “(1) while enrolled in an approved institution of
17 higher education; and

1 “(2) to pursue the member’s first under-
2 graduate, masters, doctoral, vocational, or technical
3 degree or certification.

4 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) A member of the District of
5 Columbia National Guard is eligible to receive assistance
6 under this section if the commanding general of the Dis-
7 trict of Columbia National Guard determines the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(A) The member has satisfactorily completed
10 required initial active duty service.

11 “(B) The member is not receiving a Reserve
12 Officer Training Corps scholarship.

13 “(C) The member has entered into a written
14 agreement to serve as a member of the District of
15 Columbia National Guard for a period determined
16 by the commanding general.

17 “(2) To maintain eligibility for assistance under this
18 section, a member of the District of Columbia National
19 Guard shall—

20 “(A) satisfactorily perform duty in the District
21 of Columbia National Guard;

22 “(B) be enrolled on a full-time or part-time
23 basis (seeking to earn at least three, but fewer than
24 12 credit hours per semester) in an approved institu-
25 tion of higher education; and

1 “(C) maintain satisfactory progress in the
2 course of study the member is pursuing, determined
3 in accordance with section 484(c) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(c)).

5 “(c) ASSISTANCE: AMOUNTS; TREATMENT.—(1) As-
6 sistance received by a member of the District of Columbia
7 National Guard under this section may be used for—

8 “(A) tuition and fees charged by an approved
9 institution of higher education involved;

10 “(B) the cost of books; and

11 “(C) laboratory expenses.

12 “(2) The amount of assistance provided to a member
13 of the District of Columbia National Guard under this sec-
14 tion may not exceed the following:

15 “(A) For tuition, \$10,000 per year.

16 “(B) For books, \$500 per year.

17 “(C) For fees and laboratory expenses, \$500
18 per year.

19 “(3) If the commanding general of the District of Co-
20 lumbia National Guard determines that the amounts avail-
21 able to provide assistance under this section in any year
22 will be insufficient, the commanding general may reduce
23 any maximum amount of the assistance authorized, or set
24 a limit on the number of participants, to ensure that
25 amounts expended do not exceed available amounts.

1 “(4) Except as provided in subsection (b)(1)(B), a
2 member of the District of Columbia National Guard may
3 receive assistance under this section in addition to edu-
4 cational assistance provided under any other provision of
5 law.

6 “(5) A member of the District of Columbia National
7 Guard who receives assistance under this section and who
8 fails to serve for the period specified in an agreement de-
9 scribed in subsection (b)(1) or fails to comply with the
10 eligibility conditions specified in subsection (b)(2) shall be
11 subject to the repayment provisions of section 373 of title
12 37.

13 “(d) ADMINISTRATION; FUNDING.—(1) The com-
14 manding general of the District of Columbia National
15 Guard, in consultation with approved institutions of high-
16 er education, shall develop policies and procedures for the
17 administration of this section. Nothing in this section shall
18 be construed to require an institution of higher education
19 to alter any admission policy or standard to enable a mem-
20 ber of the District of Columbia National Guard to enroll
21 in such institution.

22 “(2)(A) There are authorized to be appropriated such
23 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section. Funds
24 so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

1 “(B) The commanding general may accept the trans-
2 fer of funds from a Federal agency and use any funds
3 so transferred for purposes of providing assistance under
4 this section. There is authorized to be appropriated to the
5 head of any executive branch agency such sums as may
6 be necessary to permit the transfer of funds to the com-
7 manding general to provide assistance under this section.

8 “(C) The commanding general may accept, use, and
9 dispose of donations of services or property to provide as-
10 sistance under this section.

11 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘approved institution of higher
13 education’ means an institution of higher education
14 that—

15 “(A) is eligible to participate in the stu-
16 dent financial assistance programs under title
17 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
18 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.); and

19 “(B) has entered into an agreement with
20 the commanding general of the District of Co-
21 lumbia National Guard containing an assurance
22 that funds made available under this section are
23 used to supplement and not supplant other as-
24 sistance that may be available for a member of
25 the District of Columbia National Guard.

1 “(2) The term ‘institution of higher education’
2 has the meaning given such term in section 102 of
3 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1002).”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
6 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
7 after the item relating to section 16401 the following new
8 item:

 “16402. District of Columbia National Guard educational assistance program.”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Financial assistance may be
10 provided under section 16402 of such title, as added by
11 subsection (a), for a period of instruction that begins on
12 or after January 1, 2023.

